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HINGES
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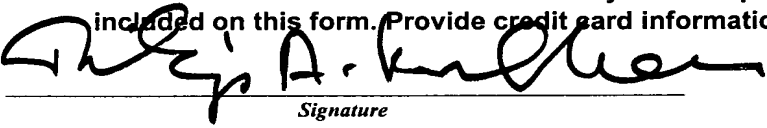



In response to the Office Action dated February 24, 2005, please amend the subject application as provided below, and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 5 of this paper, and include two attached replacement sheets.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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